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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. ____

BIOGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE

1. This directive is issued pursuant to the provisions of NSCID No. 1, particularly paras. 8, 12, 15 and 16, and NSCID No. 5, para. 3d, and for the specific purpose of designating reference facilities for the handling of biographic data on foreign personalities, and of providing for the exchange of such information.

2. Responsibility for the maintenance of biographic data on foreign personalities is assigned as follows:

a. The Department of State shall be responsible for biographic information on political, politico-economic, social, and cultural personalities.

b. The Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force shall be responsible for biographic information on military, naval and air force personnel, respectively.

c. The Central Intelligence Agency shall be responsible for biographic information on scientific, technical and technico-economic personalities,

3. All pertinent biographic information originating within departments or agencies shall be forwarded to the department or agency having primary responsibility.

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4. The allocation of responsibility within the foregoing categories is based upon the principle of ensuring complete biographic coverage of important individuals and minimising unwarranted duplication of effort. However, in special instances where a personality in an unrelated category becomes of particular interest to any department or agency, nothing in this directive prevents or restricts such an office from preparing a report or maintaining a biographic record on that individual, so long as the department or agency holding primary responsibility is furnished with all the necessary information for its own file.

5. In answer to specific requests and standing requirements, each department or agency has the responsibility to produce, evaluate or make available to authorized recipients biographic intelligence on persons within its own categories of responsibility as assigned in para. 2, above.

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